Tuesday morning

Dear Millie

Your letter rec. I entirely approve of your going to Santa Cruz during your vacation provided it still comes while Annie is still there. Of course you will correspond with her and know about this. There is no definite time fixed for her to remain. She is to stay longer or shorter just as she pleases. I do not know Mrs. P.'s terms. Papa says the train does not reach San José till 11. It would be very nice indeed if Mrs Sill would go with you and would give Annie

own sake as well as Annie's.

We have been having somewhat excited times here on account of some fires, (a straw stack at Mr Lyon's one at Jack Lowrie's and Leistner's Hotel at Alvarado) said to have been set because of employing Chinese or renting to them. Somebody told Papa that somebody said they heard somebody say that Mr. Shinn would be the next one. I have an idea that it is the game of scandal, but there may be a little more to it than that. I am bound to confess much as I dislike to do so that these are evil days and that the labor riots have brought me to feel that we need a stronger government. For ourselves

however as it is a leisure time and as prudence is the better part of valor and as Wash is willing Papa has concluded to have him watch nights and sleep daytimes for the present, but we keep very quiet and say nothing! [illegible]

great pleasure. Perhaps if
he went with you he would
prefer to go on the Steamer
as I believe he does not
like railroading. I believe
the fare from San Francisco
to Santa Cruz is only $3, by
Steamer, but I am not sure.
If you want to find out
all about it and choose to
write a note to Uncle he
will give you all the
information you want, and
it will be accurate.
Joe has for his Teacher at
Mr. Moore's, Mr. Columbus
Brier who has the name
of being a good Teacher.
I saw his wife (Mrs. Brier's
sister) at Church last Sunday
she had a good deal to say
of what her Husband said
about Joe, praising him
up to the highest and
expressing a fear as he
looked so delicate that
he could not bear hard
study. Joe says it is the
first time he was ever
called delicate!!
Charlie is still away
and Papa and I are lonesome
enough with not one of
our children with us.
I suppose Charlie will be home
sometime this week, but he
has been very naughty about
writing and we are not
posted as to his movements.
I presume we can manage
some way about making
over that dress, I dont think
there is any hurry about
it and I should like to
have you take the trip to
Santa Cruz for your

Yes Papa was indignant.

When is your vacation?

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